

## Questions taken on notice and further information agreed to be supplied at the hearings.

Portfolio:	Tourism, Sport and Major Events portfolio
Witness:	Simon Phemister
Committee Member:	Mr Danny O'Brien
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**Mr D O'BRIEN:** Thank you, Chair. Secretary, the minister has just gone through some of the events and other things that were funded. Can you tell me how much money the government provided to put on the Foo Fighters concert at Geelong on 4 March?

**Mr PHEMISTER:** I can certainly get that for you, Mr O'Brien, if I have it at hand. I do not know off the top of my head. I have got a description of how great the event was, but ticket sales, no, sorry. I will have to take that question on notice, Mr O'Brien.

**Mr D O'BRIEN:** I was actually after the amount the government put in.

**Mr PHEMISTER:** I do not have that number with me, I am sorry.

**Mr D O'BRIEN:** Okay. Is that number going to be available?

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**Mr D O'BRIEN:** Okay, that is fine. Everyone would go to a Foo Fighters concert; they do not need taxpayer support. That is the question I am asking. I just want to know how much was provided. So Secretary, if you can take that on notice. Could we also have on notice who was paid the money—did it go to Frontier Touring?—where it went to. That would be great.

**Mr PHEMISTER:** If there was money, indeed of course I can follow it up.

Answer:

Support for the Foo Fighters was provided as part of the Victorian Government's commitment of \$14 million in the 2019-20 budget to deliver the Always Live music festival.

Always Live was intended to be delivered in 2020 and 2021 but was delayed due to the impacts of COVID-19. The Foo Fighters concert was the first event commissioned by Always Live and will be followed by a program of events to be held at venues across Victoria later this year including.

- Nick Cave & Warren Ellis with special guest Courtney Barnett
- Hometown: Isiah Firebrace
- Ocean Sounds featuring Tash Sultana, Pierce Brothers, Kim Churchill, KEE'AHN and more to be announced
- Cate Le Bon
- Aldous Harding

More announcements will be made throughout the year.